

Ocean Grove,

September 18, 1896.

(to Ellen S. Boden)

Mama dear,-

I have wanted to write to you so much before this, but have had no time. We came here last Friday from Phillipsburg where Mary and Evangeline and I stayed all night at Mrs. Lueder's. We went there from Nazareth where we went to the Moravian vesper service from Bolton. The day before we were at Bolton we were at the Water Gap. So you see we have been pretty busy. Since we have been here we have been pretty busy too and now I am writing Aunt

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Mary's writing materials I asked her for our money to buy some, but she said we should use her's.

Mary is telling about the Water Gap and so I will tell about Boalsburg. ~~It is so nice~~ I think it is just lovely there. I don't know when I have enjoyed any thing so much. Is it a beautiful place? The old house where Cousin Clara and Cousin Sophie (Val & Sis.) live has recently been changed a little. Of course I don't know how it used to be but now it has a new bathroom & bedroom and I think two bay windows & newly

all they put^d powdered sugar,
and fat wasn't very
high. Well I am telling
this in such a mixed
way that I don't know
where I'm at. Mollie
has a wheel. She and
Engenia went up to
Wyoming together this
summer & took their
wheel. Engenia came
over one morning. She
lives in Nazas (I don't
know) & her two brothers
are on the ocean. My!
Engenia looks like
such a young lady.
She looks several years
older than us - and she
is real pretty. This is
the first time I have
seen her since the

Golden 6. wedding
We didn't see Aunt
Emma. The day we
went to the Vesper we
started in the morning
about half past nine
and went to the Mora-
vian grave yard in
Nazareth, ^{then up to the}
monument. There in the
summer house which
Cousin John Jordan built
we ate our lunch. From there
we went to Nazareth to
the Ephrata house where
the historical Vesper was
held. The Vesper consisted
of sugar cake ^{or bread & apple butter} & coffee and
three speeches were made.
The first one was by the
president whose topic
was "Our Name." The next

talk, don't they? They always
say y for w and w for y
v. Cousin Sophie said
that Cousin Grandville's
horses came from the
west, and you know
that they invited us
to the Nepper. We were
so sorry that Cousin
Edward's daughter and
wife were away, so that
we didn't see Katie. O
such good sugar cake
as Cousin Mary has.
I never tasted. It was
so rich. Mother said
that they put mixed
brown and white sugar
to put on and put on
the top nutmeg and
cinnamon and then over.

painted. We went on a pic-
 nic to their picnic ground
 and had dinner and
 supper. I learned a little
 how to row. Those little
 children of Cousin Bob
 can row. I guess you
 have never seen them. The
 oldest is eleven, the next
 nine & the next six. It
 seems so queer that all
 of those children have
 such red hair when
 neither of their parents
 have. Well at last we
 have seen Mother Henry
 and I think she is lovely
 just sweet and so is her
 mother. Cousin Mary re-
 minds me of Miss Bocher
 How queer they all do.

was "Three ⁷Weddings." They
were three ^{Moravian} weddings which
occurred a century & a half
ago, a century ago, & at the
present time. The last we
only heard a little of & it
was not so easy to understand
because it was about the
church in Bethlehem.

We didn't stay because we
had to take the train. I
kept thinking while I was
there how glad you would
be to have us there & that
while you didn't even know
we were there perhaps dear
Papa could see us.

We are sitting in Lilagoo
parlour writing and
watching the people in bat-
ing. There aren't many

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now. We have been in once,
and I guess we'll go this
afternoon again.

At Easton Aunt Mary
got Mary & me each a
brown linen skirt and
two shirt waists apiece.
We each have one brown
cotton duck & one light-
blue with a thin yellow
stripe in it. They are all
so pretty. I wish she had
Mrs. Puttenger make our
blue skirts and new
waists. The skirts are so
pretty, and the waists too.
Thank you very much
for sending the ribbon

and neckties

We are having just a fine
time. Aunt Mary and
Uncle Edmund just do
every thing for us, and it
is so nice to be with the
girls.

So Lina is going to the
public school!

Please don't work too
hard, Mamma dear. Learn
things till we come home.

I'm going to write to
Mamma now. She wrote
us such a nice
letter some time ago
and I must answer
it.

But this letter is very un-
satisfactory to me at least
I'll have so much to tell you
when I get home.

Lots and lots of love for
you my precious mother
and the children too.

Your own
"Pensionites"

and Papa's
Ernesta.

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